

MINUTES
KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING, KINGSTON FIRE STATION, KINGSTON, R.I.
MAY 3, 2010

Call to Order: Moderator Angelo Mendillo called the Kingston Fire District Annual Meeting of May 3, 2010 to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Kingston Fire Station, 35 Bills Road, Kingston, RI. He noted that eighteen (18) qualified electors were in attendance, as confirmed in the 2010 Tax Roll for the District that was located by the attached sign in sheet. Moderator Mendillo declared that a quorum was present.

AGENDA (SEE HANDOUT)

MOTION: David McNab moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Thomas Vignali seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. Moderator Mendillo asked if there were any questions. There were none. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OF 2009 (SEE HANDOUT)

MOTION: Donald Packer moved to accept the Minutes as presented with 3 editorial changes that were also presented. Thomas Vignali seconded the motion. There was brief discussion pointing out the editorial changes. Moderator Mendillo asked if there were any questions. There were none. The motion carried unanimously.

CHIEFS' REPORT (SEE HANDOUT)

Chief Nathan Barrington gave a summary of his report. Barrington touched on the challenges of the past year with the sudden death of Allen LePage. He discussed positive personnel items and changes, various grants that were applied for and accepted. In his report was a request for an adjustment to the Cash Incentive Program reserves and noted that the plan will be revisited to make changes to better capture the intended personnel. He closed with thanks to the firefighters and their families as well as all who supported the Department throughout the year.

Moderator Mendillo asked if there were any questions. There were none.

MOTION: Vincent Rose moved to accept the Chiefs' Report as presented. Donald Cobb seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT (SEE HANDOUT)

Treasurer Thomas Vignali gave a summary of the Treasurer's report. Year-To-Date Revenue totals came to Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven 36/100 Dollars (\$620,847.36). Year-To-Date Expenditures came to Five Hundred Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Two 91/100 Dollars (\$541,202.91). Year-To-Date Excess of Revenues over Expenditures came to Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four 45/100 Dollars (\$79,644.45).

There was brief discussion to clarify some line items. Moderator Mendillo asked if there were any further questions. There were none.

MOTION: Donald Packer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ted Jakubowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT (SEE HANDOUT)

Tax Collector Linda Mendillo reviewed the Tax Collector's Report. The Kingston Fire District tax roll, after abatements and additions for 2009 was One Hundred Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine 36/100 Dollars (\$191,329.36). The balance for 2009 is Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety 10/100 Dollars (\$11,790.10). To date, the District has collected 93.8% of the total amount for 2009. To date, the District has collected 99.1% of the total amount for 2008. The balance for 2008 is One Thousand Six Hundred One 86/100 Dollars (\$1,601.86).

Moderator Mendillo asked if there were any questions. There were none.

MOTION: Leon Thiem moved to accept the Tax Collector's Report as presented. Thomas Vignali seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Elizabeth McNab gave an oral presentation. She spoke of how KFD continues to have a well-trained and dedicated group of firefighters who are very often first on the scene. President McNab then presented a gift from the District to Moderator Mendillo who after *19 years???* as Moderator for the District is stepping down. She and everyone thanked him for his many years of dedicated service.

MOTION: Donald Cobb moved to accept the President's Report as presented. Robert Ferraro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Moderator Mendillo stated that according to last year's minutes that there were no motions tabled or carried forward to attend to at this year's meeting.

Moderator Mendillo asked if there was any other official business under the category "Old Business". There was none.

2010-2011 BUDGET MOTION (SEE HANDOUT)

MOTION: Elizabeth McNab, President of the Board of Wardens moved the following Budget Motion: "I move that the budget be approved as presented and that the Board of Wardens be directed to calculate the tax rate, based on the valuation of assessed property, according to the South Kingstown Tax Assessor's rolls as of December 31, 2009 plus or minus Five Percent (5%) to account for differences in the tax base due to authorized abatements and additions to the tax roll throughout the tax year, so as to raise the amount of money specified in the budget to be raised by taxation." The motion was seconded by Vincent Rose and opened for discussion.

Moderator Mendillo asked if there was any further discussion or questions on the floor regarding the Budget. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (SEE HANDOUT)

MOTION: Donald Cobb moved to accept the Nomination Committee Report as presented. Robert Ferraro seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

NOMINATIONS FROM FLOOR

Moderator Mendillo asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. There were none.

ELECTION

MOTION: There being no further nominations or discussion, Moderator Mendillo asked for a vote to elect those individuals nominated in the Nominating Committee Report. Leon Thiem moved and Ted Jakubowski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS (SEE HANDOUT):

MOTION : Moderator Mendillo asked the electors to refer to the "Other New Business" agenda item and recognized Elizabeth McNab who made a motion on behalf of the Board of Wardens "to authorize the Board of Wardens to transfer any remaining surplus funds from the 2009 – 2010 year to the Capital Reserve Account." Vincent Rose seconded the motion.

Moderator Mendillo asked for discussion. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION : Again, Moderator Mendillo asked the electors to refer to the "Other New Business" agenda item and recognized Elizabeth McNab who made a motion on behalf of the Board of Wardens "to authorize the Board of Wardens to transfer any funds received from the State Motor

Vehicle Phaseout for the 2009-2010 year to the Capital Equipment Reserve Account.” Donald Cobb seconded the motion.

Moderator Mendillo asked for discussion. There was brief discussion on the state of affairs and if the State Motor Vehicle Phaseout would actually be received. There being no further questions or discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION : Moderator Mendillo referred back to the Chief Barrington’s report requesting reduction of the expenditure line item for the LOSAP Fund for 2009-2010. Thomas Vignali moved to reduce the expenditure line item for the LOSAP Fund for 2009-2010 by Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Six 00/100 Dollars (\$4,296.00). Donald Cobb seconded the motion as amended.

Moderator Mendillo asked for discussion. There was none. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Leon Thiem moved to adjourn. Donald Cobb seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Hall
District Manager
Kingston Fire District
for Larry Fortin
District Secretary